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DRAMATICS AND DUMMER ACADEMY

Dummer Academy has existed one hundred and sixty three years without any organized dramatics. During that time it has also grown remarkably. Dramatics have existed several centuries without Dummer and likewise have improved remarkably. Therefore, it is not perhaps, absolutely essential that one becomes part of the other organizations. But it is highly desirable and a natural indication of healthy growth. When a man has equipped himself with all the necessities of life his mind inevitably turns toward the more essential luxuries. I consider the Dramatic Club one of these.

In the first place the students here are more or less isolated from the world. Our trips to town are infrequent and usually made because we need a hair cut or a pair of shoes or some more powder. We are consequently inclined to lose touch with the more refined forms of amusement. Idle moments are spent in roughhousing or some physical exercise. Our minds find their only diversion in study, and while I am not arguing for the abolition of study, I do think it would be well for all of us to get out of the inevitable "rut".

Some will cry for more weekends or town permissions, but they are neither necessary nor practical. They are inclined to be too much of a diversion. So we have a problem, and admittedly a great one, to be faced. There must be a form of diversion—one that will stimulate idle minds and, even more important, prevent them from turning to less worthy subjects. This is found most readily in student Dramatics.

Interest is bound to be lively for one reason or another. Some will come to see their friends succeed, others to see their enemies fall, and if there are any left they will come out of curiosity. So it can not be doubted that this will attract the students. Thus, all unsuspecting, their minds are diverted from cares, complaints, Her, studies and any of the countless other things that make life unhappy. They will become a much more contented and much less "evably" group. We will not be outside the world, but in a world of our own and independent of the outside world. And yet we will be so nearly like this other world that we will not miss it, and returning from vacation will not seem like entering a monastery, or going back to jail. Boys are intensely human, and must be treated so or

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Program

A NIGHT AT AN INN

Lord Dunsany

A. E. Scott-Fortesque (The Toff), a dilapidated gentleman
James W. Bridges
William Jones (Bill) Russell D. Hamilton
Albert Thomas Lawrence W. Kenney
Jacob Smith (Sniggers) Richard C. Griggs
First Priest of the Klesh Gerald May
Second Priest of the Klesh Warren Lane
Third Priest of the Klesh Leonard Lawson
Klesh Albert W. Horr

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AT THE END OF THE ROPE

Lloyd F. Thanhauser

Young Man Albert W. Horr
Old Man Gerald May

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NOT QUITE SUCH A GOOSE

Elizabeth Gale

Mrs. Bell James W. Budgell
Albert Bell Forrest W. Morrill
Sylvia Bell Warren S. Lane
Phillip Flick Norton Pickering
Hazel Henderson Leonard Lawson

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By

Mr. Floyd Jarvis

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DUMMER SEES REAL BASKET BALL TEAM

Dummer was defeated in the Lang Gymnasium, February 9th, in a one sided game. The crack St. John's team, the best team to visit our school in years had little trouble in running up a large score. The allround work of this experienced team was a pleasure to watch.

The game during the first period showed little of the visitor's power. Our boys put up a good battle in the opening frame but the superiority of the St. John's machine was soon apparent. Walsh of the visitors was the first to score, a close shot under the basket, Hinds, taking a long pass

from White, easily caged the sphere for Dummer's first score. Throughout this period the men from Danvers were playing a conservative game, getting used to the floor for their raid in the last half. The score at the end of this period was 11 to 4 in St. John's favor.

The second period was a repetition of the first. The visitors practised passing while Dummer vainly tried to get the ball through the elusive hoop. Our opponents gathered up eight points while Hinds made another of his spectacular dashes down

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A PLEA FOR A MORE INTERESTED ALUMNI

While those turning out to the annual mid-winter reunion of academy alumni held in the City Club, Boston, the evening of Dec. 28 were enthusiastic at what they heard there, the number was disappointingly small. The support given in these ventures is so meagre that chances of a Hub gathering being held again inside of the coming year, seem dubious.

One could go into ecstasies and grossly exaggerating, tell of the tremendous crowd there but it wouldn't be true and the writer intends to be frank in this article. A very few did all the preliminary work, no small venture either, and Dr. Charles S. Ingham and others at the school cooperated fully, particularly in regard to sending out notices. Something like a thousand letters and postal cards were sent out, perhaps 100 being returned as the postal authorities could not find the men at the addresses given. A referendum had been held and the evening chosen selected by the majority. The secretary also wrote special stories for Boston, Haverhill, Newburyport, Amesbury, Lynn, Salem, Beverly, Lawrence, Lowell, Portland, Me., Burlington, Vt., and Manchester, N. H., newspapers in advance. It would seem reasonable to believe that all who cared, knew when and where the event was to be held, under the circumstances.

But after all this time and effort made at considerable sacrifice, approximately 35 attended, including several undergraduates, members of the faculty and one trustee who had not been students at Dummer, and two newspaper men, all very welcome. The favorable answers returned indicated at least 40 would respond, and this number had to be guaranteed to the City Club, and paid for. In other words, five unnecessary tickets had to be covered. With the funds in the treasury low and shrinking, that in itself is no small matter. No doubt many because of distance or other good reasons could not appear but it seems that out of more than 1000 former attendants at Dummer believed to be living at least 75 could show up at the meeting.

Those in charge would like to know where the fault lies, whether the negligent ones desire a change in officers, something that can be gained quite readily; wish outside speakers; or what not. Perhaps it is sheer indifference on the part of former

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EDITORIAL

The recent election of the Student Council for the last half-year brings to our minds the question of whether or not it has been a success. Whether or not it has been a success depends according to what standards we judge it by. If we judge it from the light of how many extra week-ends and other privileges that it has procured for us, we would say that it has been a failure. But this is not the proper light in which to judge it. The Student Council was not instituted to "get" things for the student body. It was instituted in order to place as much as possible the responsibility for maintenance of order and discipline into the hands of the students themselves, and to discuss and present to the faculty such reasonable demands or suggestions as are formally presented to them.

Judged in this light the Student Council has been and always will be a success. If ever it fails it will be the fault of the men on the Council itself. If they wish to succeed, they must exclude all personal feelings first of all. They must be ready to accept the responsibilities of their position along with its privileges.

The student body should be broad enough to appreciate the position of

the men on the Student Council, and instead of becoming estranged from them it should give them its full support. In other words, the thing which will bring the most results and satisfaction is a united *esprit de corps*. In this case anyway, the quickest path to success is certainly not the hardest.

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resentment is bound to grow. And resentment will take an ugly form, because being philosophical is hardly a virtue they are blessed with. Perhaps the saddest part of it is that they are very much inclined to show this resentment by not working and by making no effort to conform to the rules and regulations. So far the good of the school it is a desirable thing—especially. I repeat, for a school so isolated as we.

The financial part of it is bound to present a problem, as it does in everything. Getting money is not always quite the easiest task we face. But getting money for a new and untried organization is remarkably difficult. We are lacking in the greatest advertisement of all—prestige. This organization is not intended to be a money making affair. But there are such items as costumes, scenery, tickets, programs, royalties, labor and countless distracting details. All these (things) must be bought and paid for, and that money must come from somewhere. For these reasons admission is charged. We do not claim we can figure out costs as exactly that we can charge you the minimum price. If we did that, some one would tear his costume getting into it, and we would then be "out". Any profits that are made, which is a very visionary statement, will be turned into scenery or a larger stage and not into our own pockets. (Worse luck).

So we have several good reasons for organizing and for charging admission. It is now up to Dummer to help its latest child grow into manhood. You will probably, not be asked to do any more than lend your support—but do that and do it willingly. After all there are pleasanter tasks than stepping on to a stage firm in the belief that you are doing it tragically and being greeted by loud and prolonged laughter. We are going to do our best—but it will not get us far without your help.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BASKETBALL

Feb. 17 St. Johns Prep. Danvers
Feb. 24 Boston Normal Art., here
Feb. 27 Sanborn Sem. Kingston
Mar. 5 Rivers School Brookline

TRACK

Feb. 26 Browne & Nichols here

DRAMATICS

Feb. 20

- (1) A Night at an Inn. Lang
- (2) The End of the Rope Gymnasium
- (3) Not Quite Such a Goose S Byfield

News of Interest

The engagement of Mr. Wilbert B. Skerrye, formerly of the Dummer faculty, to Miss Edith Hovey of Cambridge was recently announced.

The week-end of February 13th was taken as the general week-end for the winter term.

The track meet with Haverhill High was postponed because of the recent snow storm.

The hockey games called off because of the last two blizzards were Feb. 4, Rivers at So. Byfield; Feb. 8, Maple A. A. at So. Byfield; Feb. 10, DeWitt-Clinton at So. Byfield; Feb. 13 Stearns School at So. Byfield.

For a couple of days we were completely snowed in after the second blizzard as the work of clearing out the roads after the first storm put the plows belonging to Newburyport and Byfield out of commission.

The track meet with Browne & Nichols scheduled for Feb. 6 at So. Byfield was postponed due to our opponents inability to get through the heavy snow.

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students, but it is hard to report that with the preliminary endeavors conducted on a vaster scale and more intensively than ever before, a smaller group gathered than present at those held a number of years earlier.

These criticisms are meant to be constructive, and the ones closest to the Sons of Dummer society would like to know what the former students really wish for programs in the coming months. The ancient alumni organization is 102 years old and perhaps ready for the mortician as the lack of attendance at the recent get together would indicate but there are some who believe that considerable "pep" could be injected into it and the society made a really strong link in the Dummer chain. One great obstacle is that the great majority of those who are lukewarm or cold are not reached by the school paper or can be influenced rightly to any extent.

The speakers were Dr. Charles S. Ingham, headmaster; Assistant Principal Walter J. Farrell; and Coach Francis Reagan, who handles basketball and baseball. Judge Alden P. White, Salem, president of the board of trustees, was toastmaster, and a fellow member, Roland Sherman, Winchester, acted as chairman. Dr. Ingham told of numerous improvements at the South Byfield academy. A resolution was passed thanking John H. Morse, North Andover, for making the new school athletic field possible, through financial support.

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RECENT ADVANCEMENT OF DUMMER ACADEMY

Dummer Academy is often spoken of as a school that does not advance as the other schools do, and the purpose of this article is to disclose the inaccuracy of such remarks. Being in the immediate vicinity of such large and heavily endowed institutions as Andover and Exeter the accusers naturally lose their sense of proportion. But if one should take the records of schools of the enrollment-under-a hundred class, he would find that Dummer had forged ahead a great deal more than the other schools of this class. The credit for this recent advancement goes to Dr. Ingham who in his eighteen years as headmaster accomplished what previous generations could only hope for. In its early years Dummer was considered the finest boarding school in the country and numbered among its graduates many prominent figures in the colonial world. At one time the president and all the professors of Harvard University were Dummer graduates. Sir David Ochterlony, Major General in the British Army, Member of the East Indies Company, and Founder of the Indian Empire is perhaps the leading graduate. In Bombay a statue is erected to him stating that he is a graduate of Dummer Academy. Captain Samuel Osgood, Commissioner of the United States was another graduate. Tobias Lear, George Washington's private secretary schooled here. Rufus King a member of the Convention that framed the Constitution and later Senator was a Dummer graduate. Fourteen members of the Continental Congress, two Chief Justices, two presidents of Harvard College and many officers in our Continental Army attended this honorable institution.

It might be well to enumerate a few of the improvements made during the past decade. One of the earliest was the leasing of Academy acreage to the Auld Newbury Golf Club. This course is one of the most testing in New England and has given the school much prominence. The clubhouse also serves as a most popular retreat for the students. The Newburyport Turnpike, recently completed, has made access to the school easier and is counted as a leading factor in increasing the enrollment.

Turning to the school's activities in this line we find that in the last ten years four new buildings have been erected. The first, in 1915, was the Master Moody House planned on a basis of the old farmhouse, which was burned. The inside is more modern and roomy, however, and it has been improved in every way. Pierce Hall is the pride of the dormitories. It is a handsome brick building and was the gift of a faithful alumnus after whom it is named. When the old

Cleaveland Hall burned to the ground one night, Mr. Pierce generously gave the necessary financial aid so that the school would not be impeded by lack of accommodations. The Lang Gymnasium which is next in line is the most appreciated building on the campus. This is the gift of Mr. William A. Lang of Melrose who takes an unceasing interest in the school. Opposing teams unfailingly remark on its fitness, while Dummer teams when away realize how it stands out in comparison to those of other schools. Through the aid of Mr. E. B. Terhune the gym was completely outfitted by subscriptions from the parents of the boys. Perkins Hall is the most recent addition to the equipment. It is named after Mr. Perkins, one time headmaster of Dummer, who was instrumental in securing funds to build the old gymnasium. Perkins Hall is the old gym moved across the road and remodeled.

Mr. Morse a prominent alumnus residing in Andover has recently donated a handsome new athletic field which is now in process. This will be on the site of the old one nearly three times as large. It will contain two football gridirons and as many baseball diamonds with a possibility of having some tennis courts in the north end, and it will be surrounded by a stone wall and will have a gateway at the entrance near the garage. It is interesting to note that Mr. Morse was captain of the first football team Dummer supported. Mr. Sherman was responsible for the construction of two excellent gravel tennis courts recently.

The watering system is now well taken care of as a water tower having been erected, and an artesian well installed and both are working well.

School organizations are at last staple. The Student Council exercises authority, having the power to carry penalties as far as expulsion, and their word is respected. The Milestone, the annual senior class publication, is now published regularly, improves yearly, and is an all around satisfactory publication. The Archon the school news sheet, is published twelve times during the school year and is now after years of trial a regular feature. The Dramatic Club is gaining a foothold this winter with every indication of a promising future. The enrolment has increased to just short of double in the decade, and the faculty now numbers nine, and a non-teaching coach. The school, although priding itself on a conscientious board of admission, does all it thinks fair for its team supporters this policy being by hiring a coach who recently held a place on the All American football picked by Walter Camp.

Even now more things are planned and attempts are being made to start more buildings. The most needed just now is a school house and there is no doubt, that this will be forthcoming. These few facts we hope, will remove all doubts from any minds.

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Judd '23 is attending Brown University.

Whalen '25 has been shifted from center to guard on the Worcester Academy basketball team.

Humphreys '22, Sherman '23, and Valentine '24 are the former Dummer men at Norwich University.

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the floor for a basket. Fitzsimmons also scored after a long dash through the visitors. The score ended St. John's 19, Dummer 8.

The last half was uninteresting for the Dummer supporters. St. John's dazzling offense was too much for our green team. Baskets came quickly from all angles and spots giving our visitors 39 at the end of the third period while Dummer remained the same. The last period was a repetition of the third, the Danvers team scoring at will while the home boys added five points to their total. Hinds made the last score of the game after another of his brilliant dashes the length of the floor.

Of the brilliant plays of the game one might say that the St. John's team contributed everything, they so far outshone our team.

St. Johns Dummer
O'Connor (Welch), lf.
rg., White (Pillsbury, Kenney)
Clancy, rf.

lg., Pillsbury (Griggs, Fitzsimmons
Walsh (Fitzgerald), c c, Hinds
Tierney (Hebbart), lg. rf, Van Etten
Lenine (Harrison), rg.

lf., Fitzsimmons (Hart, McGinley)
Ccore—St. Johns 66, Dummer Academy 13. Goals from floor—O'Connor 5; Welch 2; Clancy 7; Walsh 2; Fitzgerald 2; Lenine 4; Harrison 2; Tierney; Hebbart; White; Hinds 3; Fitzsimmons. Goals from free tries—O'Connor 7; Clancy 3; Walsh 2; Lenine 2; Pillsbury 3. Referee—Clark Newburyport. Time—Four 10 minute periods. Timer—Farrell. Scorer—Brown.

Dum - Dum Corner

I wonder if Mr. F. ever tired of finding the volumes of some of the solid carted around the Campus. The bigger they are the less they seem to hold.

White '26 visited Jones ex '39 over the week-end.

The recent game with Milton was out of reach.

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